



AN ORDINANCE

Councilmember C. T. Martin

An Ordinance to establish a Task Force on the Safety of Judiciary Operations for the City of Atlanta's Judicial buildings; to provide for the composition thereof; and for other purposes

WHEREAS, violence has become prevalent in today's society, and threatens to tear apart the fabric of the nation's social order; and

WHEREAS, such violence is becoming more commonplace in the Judicial system, as has been documented over the past two years; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge of Municipal Court has expressed safety concerns to the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, whether this phenomenon has arisen because of the more stringent criminal laws, or is a consequence of society's social ills, it is the duty of the government to ensure the safety of citizens and court personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee has jurisdiction of "all matters pertaining to the operation of the courts of the City"; and


WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Atlanta City Council to ensure, to the extent possible, the safety of the public in its judicial buildings; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the City Council to take an assessment of the security of its judicial buildings and to determine if additional safety measures are warranted.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:

Section 1: There is hereby established a Judicial Security Task Force which shall be composed of the following members:

The Mayor or her designee
The Chief Judges of the Municipal and City Courts;
The Chair of the Public Safety Committee, and one (1) Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee member to be appointed by the chair;
The Corrections Chief of the City of Atlanta,
The Chief of Fire Department or his designee,
The City Solicitor or his designee;
The Public Defender or his designee; a
Designee of the Chief of Police, who is familiar with the courts' security System; and
The Director of the Center for Public Policy Studies at Clark Atlanta University



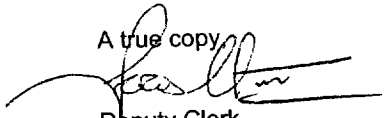
Section 2: The first meeting of this Task Force shall be called by the Chief Judges, who shall be co-chairs of the Task Force.

Section 3: The Charge of the Task Force shall be to critically assess the safety of the City's Judicial buildings (courts and jail) and make its findings, along with its recommendations to the Mayor and Council, through its Public Safety Committee. Said work shall be completed within six (6) months after the adoption of this legislation.

Section 4: The staff for the Task Force shall comprise staff from the Chief Judges' Offices and the staff of the Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee.

Section 5: That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

A true copy



Deputy Clerk

ADOPTED by the Council
RETURNED WITHOUT SIGNATURE OF THE MAYOR
APPROVED as per City Charter Section 2-403

May 16, 2005

May 25, 2005

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Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

CONSENT I

CONSENT I PG(S) 3-15

ADOPT

YEAS: 13
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 2
EXCUSED: 0
ABSENT 1

Y Smith	Y Archibong	Y Moore	Y Mitchell
Y Starnes	B Fauver	Y Martin	Y Norwood
NV Young	Y Shook	Y Maddox	Y Willis
Y Winslow	Y Muller	Y Sheperd	NV Borders

CONSENT I

		05-16-05 Council Meeting
ITEMS ADOPTED ON CONSENT	ITEMS ADOPTED ON CONSENT	ITEMS ADVERSED ON CONSENT
1. 05-O-0655 2. 05-O-0656 3. 05-O-0657 4. 05-O-0658 5. 05-O-0659 6. 05-O-0762 7. 05-O-0778 8. 05-O-0781 9. 05-O-0871 10. 05-O-0874 11. 05-O-0669 12. 05-O-0684 13. 05-O-0685 14. 05-O-0850 15. 05-O-0702 16. 05-O-0703 17. 05-O-0704 18. 05-O-0845 19. 05-R-0822 20. 05-R-0823 21. 05-R-0824 22. 05-R-0827 23. 05-R-0828 24. 05-R-0834 25. 05-R-0881 26. 05-R-0821 27. 05-R-0872 28. 05-R-0830 29. 05-R-0875 30. 05-R-0838	31. 05-R-0839 32. 05-R-0677 33. 05-R-0832 34. 05-R-0833 35. 05-R-0836 36. 05-R-0837 37. 05-R-0878 38. 05-R-0818 39. 05-R-0820 40. 05-R-0826 41. 05-R-0835 42. 05-R-0785 43. 05-R-0786 44. 05-R-0787 45. 05-R-0788 46. 05-R-0789 47. 05-R-0790 48. 05-R-0791 49. 05-R-0792	50. 04-R-1789 51. 05-R-0793 52. 05-R-0795 53. 05-R-0799 54. 05-R-0800 55. 05-R-0801 56. 05-R-0802 57. 05-R-0805 58. 05-R-0806 59. 05-R-0807 60. 05-R-0810 61. 05-R-0812 62. 05-R-0814

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